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SUBJECT: MARCH 25 EWG MEETING: STUDY ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIAL-  
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BEGIN SUMMARY. AT ITS MARCH 25 MEETING, EWG COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON PROMISING PROGRESS REPORTS FOR RATIONALIZATION PROJECTS CONCERNING CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, LOGISTICS AND THE WARTIME LOC. GROUP HELD EXCELLENT INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RAND LOGISTICS RATIONALIZATION CHAPTER, FURNISHED BY US IN FEBRUARY (REFTEL) TO STIMULATE NEW RATIONALIZATION IDEAS. PLANNED MID-APRIL EWG MEETING WILL PERMIT CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION WITH INPUTS FROM CAPITALS. EWG CONCLUDED RATIONLIZATION TOPIC BY DISCUSSING SACLANT/CINCHAN PAPER AND ARRANGING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ITEMS. END SUMMARY  
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1. CHAIRMAN (ASYG HUMPHREYS) INTRODUCED CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS SUBJECT BY STATING THAT IIT IS ONE OF THREE SPECIFIC RATIONALIZATION STUDY AREAS TO BE COVERED IN REPORT TO MINISTERS. HE CITED THE REQUEST BY THE US THAT THE EWG CONSIDER THE JOINT

C-E WORKING GROUP (JCEWG) REPORT (AC/270-D/122) AT AN EARLY DATE. HE INFORMED THE EWG THAT AT THE NATO JOINT C-E COMMITTEE (NJCEC) MEETING ON MARCH 20-21, SEVERAL NATIONS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE EARLIER REPORT. FOLLOWING THIS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JCEWG(VAN DER WILLIGEN) GAVE AN ORAL SUMMARY OF THE ADDENDUM AND ENUMERATED THE MANY FACTORS BEARING ON STUDIES OF CONSOLIDATING COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. HE IDENTIFIED THE POSSIBILITIES NICSMA IS STUDYING TO RATIONALIZE NICS AND SUMMARIZED THE INFORMATION THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDED AT THE NJCEC MEETING. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE NJCEC CONCLUDED THAT HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL SUPPORT IS NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME. FOLLOWING THIS REPORT, US REP (BOWMAN) ADVISED THE GROUP THAT US MILITARY COMMUNICATORS HAVE UNCOVERED A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES FOR CONSOLIDATION AND RATIONALIZATION. HE REITERATED THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING A "RATIONALIZATION SCOREBOARD" TO RECORD ACHIEVEMENTS AND PORTRAY SAVINGS RESULTING FROM ALLIANCE CAPABILITY RATIONALIZATION. HE SAID THAT THE INCREASE IN US COMBAT BRIGADES IN EUROPE WAS ASSISTED BY RATIONALIZATION EFFORTS IN AREAS LIKE COMMUNICATIONS. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION BY SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS, THE EWG WELCOMED THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE, ENDORSED THE WORK OF THE JCEWG, AND LOOKED FORWARD TO A MORE SUBSTANTIVE REPORT PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER 1975 MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. EWG LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION DISCUSSION COVERED IMPLEMENTATION OF EWG APPROVED MEASURES CONTAINED IN LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION SUB-GROUP REPORT AND INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RAND LOGISTICS CHAPTER. ASYG TUCKER REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF THE 12 RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOGISTICS SUB-GROUP. THE NADREPS HAVE CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHICH THE CNAD IS RESPONSIBLE, AND AGREED TO IMPLEMENT THOSE WHICH DO NOT NEED FURTHER APPROVAL SUCH AS REFERRAL TO NAMSA OF NEW PROJECTS FOR ADVICE ON FOLLOW-ON MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS. NADREPS PLACED OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS ON CNAD APRIL AGENDA FOR DECISION. ASYG TUCKER DIRECTED ALL OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE NATO BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION. THE WWG-COMMISSIONED LOC STEERING COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST MEETING LAST WEEK AND HAS THE ON-GOING PBEIST AND OTHER RELATED LOC ACTIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDER ACTIVE CONTROL. THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS ADDRESSING AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN PBEIST STUDY, IN PARTICULAR THE IMPACT ON THE LOC OF THE SHAPE FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS. FOLLOWING DR. TUCKER'S REMARKS, NATIONAL REPS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN LOGISTICS RATIONALIZATION, AND THE EWG ENDORSED THE ACTIONS TAKEN.

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3. US REP OPENED DISCUSSION OF RAND LOGISTICS RATIONALIZATION CHAPTER, CIRCULATED TO NATIONS BY US IN FEBRUARY, BY EXPRESSING INTEREST IN HEARING FROM ALLIES THEIR COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON THE MANY IDEAS CONTAINED IN AMB KOMER'S CHAPTER. ASYG TUCKER FOUND THE RAND PAPER STIMULATING; NOTED THAT IT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH A NUMBER OF CURRENT NATO ACTIONS AND THAT IT REINFORCES THE LOGISTICS SPECILAIZATION SUB-GROUP REPORT RECENTLY APPROVED BY EWG. HE CONCLUDED BY AGREEING WITH THE PAPER'S OBSERVATION THAT NATO NEEDS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN ADDRESS THE BREADTH OF LOGISTICS PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN NATO AND COMMENTED THAT A WISE MEN GROUP TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IS AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION. THE NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) OPENED A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE RAND PROPOSAL FOR A NATO LOGISTICS COMMAND BY ASKING FOR SHAPE'S VIEWS. THE SHAPE REP (BG MILLER) INDICATED THAT MILITARY AUTHORISITES ARE WORKING ON ACTIONS WHICH A NATO LOGISTICS SYSTEM WOULD ADDRESS, BUT POINTED OUT THAT A FULL BLOWN LOGISTICS COMMAND WOULD BE COSTLY. WHILE  
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AGREEING WITH THIS, THE US REP POINTED OUT THAT MANY INTERMEDIATE STEPS OF THE LOW COST, OR NO COST, VARIETY CAN BE TAKEN TOWARDS SUCH A GOAL. ASYG TUCKER STATED THAT MUCH CAN BE DONE NOW BY NATO IF NATIONS WILL PROVIDE BASED LOGISTIC FACTS UPON WHICH A PROPER DIAGNOSIS OF THE PROBLEM CAN BE MADE. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS CLOSED DISCUSSION BY INDICATING THAT, SINCE MOST REPS DID NOT HAVE THEIR NATIONAL VIEWS FROM CAPITALS, DISCUSSION OF THE RAND PAPER WOULD BE CONTINUED AT AN EWG MEETING IN THE FIRST HALF OF APRIL. SINCE THE CNAD WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING SOME OF THE PAPER'S IDEAS AT THEIR APRIL 22 PLENARY, THE CHAIRMAN ADDED THAT THE EWG MAY WISH TO CONTINUE WITH A THIRD ROUND ON THIS PAPER.

4. SACLANT REP (CAPT MAYO) INTRODUCED SACLANT/CINCHAN PAPER ON RATIONALIZATION WITH THE COMMENT THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON SOME OF THE ITEMS SINCE THE PAPER WAS FIRST ISSUED. NOTING THAT THE MAJOR LEAD IN THE PAPER CONCERNS STANDARDIZATION, ASYG TUCKER SUGGESTED THAT THOSE AND OTHER CNAD RESPONSIBILITY ITEMS BE REFERRED TO THE CNAD FOR IMPLEMENTATION. THE US REP EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PAPER, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT FURNISHES THE VIEWS OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON RATIONALIZATION, AND THEN OFFERED SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON WHICH NATO COMMITTEES SHOULD PURSUE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE SACLANT PAPER. THE EWG AGREED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD CHECK TO ENSURE THAT THE PROJECTS CONTAINED IN THE SACLANT PAPER ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED BY SOME NATO GROUP AND REPORT BACK CONCERNING ANY OMISSIONS.

5. COMMENTS ON THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THE EWG REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION TO MINISTERS THIS SPRING EMPHASIZED A SHORT REPORT, POSSIBLY 3 TO 4 PAGES OF KEY POINTS, TO WHICH THE MORE DETAILED COMMUNICATIONS, LOGISTICS, AND TRAINING REPORTS COULD BE APPENDED.

6. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, US REP REMINDED COLLEAGUES THAT THE EURO/NATO TRAINING GROUP WILL MEET IN BRUSSELS ON APRIL 8-10 AND THAT, IN VIEW OF EWG AGREEMENT TO HELP PROVIDE POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR CONSOLIDATED TRAINING PROJECTS, ASKED THE EWG MEMBERS HIGH-LIGHT THIS UPCOMING TRAINING MEETING WITH AMBASSADORS. BG BOWMAN ALSO NOTED THAT THE US REP TO THE AIRFORCE TRAINING SUB-GROUP WILL TABLE AN IMPORTANT PROPOSAL ON A CONSOLIDATED NATO FACILITY FOR UNDERGRADUATE JET PILOT TRAINING.  
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